

SITUATION REPORT NO. 17
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: June 27, 2005 Time: 5:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Governor John Hoeven on June 9 issued an emergency declaration to address severe thunderstorms that have produced abnormal amounts of rainfall, hail, and high winds throughout the state, and for continued flooding in the Devils Lake Basin, beginning April 9 and continuing.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** Officials at Fort Totten reported one injury due to fallen trees.
3. **DAMAGES:** The Bismarck and Grand Forks Offices of the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast a chance for strong to severe thunderstorms statewide.

River Statements

On June 27, the Bismarck and Grand Forks Offices of the NWS indicated flood warnings remain in effect for the lower James River at Ludden Dam and Oaks, the Red River at Fargo, East Grand Forks, Oslo, Drayton, Pembina and the Missouri River near Williston.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Red River at Fargo	17 feet	19.26 feet @ 7:00 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Pembina	42 feet	42.36 feet @ 4:00 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at East Grand Forks	28 feet	31.30 feet @ 7:45 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Oslo	28 feet	30.94 feet @ 7:15 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Drayton	32 feet	36.52 feet @ 7:00 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
James River at Ludden Dam	12 feet	12.22 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling
James River at Oakes	93 feet	92.99 feet @ 5:30 a.m. June 27	Near Flood Stage
Missouri River near Williston	20 feet	20.28 feet @ 7:00 a.m. June 27	Crested, river trend is falling

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from local emergency managers and agricultural officials:

Barnes County

On June 26, the county received up to 1.75 inches of rain. In addition, the city of Dazey experienced wind damage to include: several large trees downed, with one tree falling on a pickup truck and branches broken off.

Benson County

The weekend of June 24-26, thunderstorms and heavy rainfall moved through the county causing overland flooding. The county received up to 4.10 inches of rain. Roadbeds throughout the county are saturated

Burleigh County

City of Sterling officials reported a garage fire due to a downed power line on June 26.

Griggs County

On June 26, a storm moved through the county with 100 mile per hour (mph) straight line winds which resulted in hundreds of trees being uprooted and five pole barns and several out buildings destroyed. Homeowners have reported damage to shingles, siding and rain gutters. Broken windows also occurred as a result of downed trees and straight line winds. Power outages were reported and all power has been restored.

Hettinger County

The county received up to one inch of rain and hail on June 26. Five new grain bins and corrals sustained severe damage four miles south of Mott, with barn doors destroyed, and additional damage reported to shingles, siding and farm equipment.

Kidder County

The city of Steele sustained very high winds and a possible tornado on June 26 resulting in several large trees downed and power outages lasting approximately five hours. Damages as a result of this storm include: a fire caused by a power line that was knocked onto a garage by an uprooted tree, two homes reported damages due to trees falling on them, and a private airplane hanger and Quonset were completely destroyed. The Sheriff reported a power line down on a county road five miles south and five miles east of Robinson.

McLean County

The county received up to four inches of rain on June 26. The city of Garrison received two inches of rain which fell in a short period of time causing several streets to flood, ditches to fill and basements to develop seepage and water problems. Rainfall accumulations of 0.60 of an inch fell in Washburn, over four inches at Totten Trail and two inches in the Max area.

Mountrail County

The Mountrail County United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Emergency Board reported southeastern Mountrail County had received excessive rain on June 26. There have been reports of road damage due to water flowing over the road and one report of a road washing out. Some areas received up to four inches of rain. Low lying areas in fields are now flooded because of excessive rain.

Pembina County

The county received up to 1.81 inches of rain on June 26. Ditches and drainage areas have water in them. Basements throughout the county are being affected. Areas south and southwest of Cavalier Subdivision are experiencing drainage problems. One resident requested assistance with pumping. City Public Works crews responded to water shooting out of a manhole in the city of Cavalier and a fallen tree that was blocking a street. In addition, the city experienced power fluctuations.

Ramsey County

On June 26, a storm moved through the county with high wind and up to 3.5 inches of rain. In the Lakewood Subdivision, six miles south of the city of Devils Lake, numerous trees were uprooted in a park playground, the ball diamonds and a picnic area. Approximately 50 trees were damaged. No major damage was reported to homes. The Lakewood subdivision lost power due to power lines down. All power has been restored.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: No changes from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: On June 27, the North Dakota Volunteers Active in Disaster (NDVOAD) held a conference call to discuss agency roles for recovery efforts.

An unmet needs committee was formed to help residents in the city of Edgeley. Members of the unmet needs committee include; the United Methodist Church, the Church of the Living Word, Edgeley United Methodist, Our Redeemer's, Zion Lutheran and the Transfiguration Catholic Church.

Officials for the Lutheran Disaster Response of Lutheran Social Services reported 1,500 volunteer hours have been dedicated by volunteers to the flood recovery efforts in the city of Edgeley.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On June 27, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) in Minot closed N.D.

State Highway 52 between Carpio and Foxholm due to flooding conditions. NDDOT and NDHP personnel are assisting with traffic control.

The Spirit Lake Tribal Council and the Griggs County Commission declared a disaster.

Benson County

The North Dakota Department of Health is responding to a report of the city of Minnewaukan pumping raw sewage into Devils Lake due the city's sewer system overflowing and backing up.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Local power companies and telephone cooperatives are repairing their infrastructure.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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